<u>**Amendments to the Claims:**</u>
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

<u>**Listing of Claims:**</u>

1.   (original) In a distributed network, a method for automatically synchronizing each of a set of distributed multimedia assets, comprising:

(a) modifying a particular one of the set of distributed multimedia assets; and

(b) automatically synchronizing others of the set of distributed multimedia assets based upon (a).

2.   (original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

(c) generating an update edit list corresponding to (a).

3.   (original) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the automatically synchronizing comprises:

(d) forwarding the update edit list to the others of the set of distributed multimedia assets; and

(e) modifying each of the others of the set of distributed multimedia assets based upon the forwarded update edit list.

4.   (original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

(f) generating a resultant multimedia asset corresponding to (a), wherein the resultant multimedia asset is formed of a digital negative of the particular one of the set of multimedia assets and a corresponding edit list, wherein the edit list represents all modifications made to the digital negative.

5.   (original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the automatically synchronizing comprises:

(g) replacing each of the others of the set of distributed multimedia assets with the resultant multimedia asset.

6.   (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the multimedia asset is a digital image.

7. (original) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the digital image is one of a plurality of associated digital images.

8. (original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the plurality of associated digital images take the form of an album.

9. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the edit list is one of a number of edit lists included in a catalog file.

10. (original) A method as recited in claim 9, where each of the number of edit lists included in the catalog file are associated with a particular multimedia asset.

11. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus for automatically synchronizing each of a set of distributed multimedia assets, comprising:
a first means for modifying a particular one of the set of distributed multimedia assets; and
a second means for automatically synchronizing others of the set of distributed multimedia assets based upon coupled to the first means.

12. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus as recited in claim 11, further comprising:
a third means for generating an update edit list corresponding to coupled to the first means based upon the modifying.

13. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein the automatically synchronizing comprises:
a fourth means coupled to the third means for forwarding the update edit list to the others of the set of distributed multimedia assets; and
a fifth means coupled to the fourth means for modifying each of the others of the set of distributed multimedia assets based upon the forwarded update edit list.

14. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus as recited in claim 11, further comprising:
a sixth means coupled to the first means for generating a resultant image corresponding to the modified multimedia asset wherein the resultant image is formed of a digital negative of the particular one of the set of multimedia

assets and a corresponding full edit list, wherein the full edit list represents all modifications made to the digital negative.

15. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein the automatically synchronizing comprises:

a seventh means coupled to the first means for replacing each of the others of the set of distributed multimedia assets with the resultant image.

16. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein the multimedia asset is a digital image.

17. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the digital image is one of a plurality of associated digital images.

18. (original) In a distributed network, an apparatus as recited in claim 17, wherein the plurality of associated digital images take the form of an album.

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